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SUPERBOY, YOU'RE *CUT*?! BUT A KRYPTONIAN *CAN'T* BE CUT!

Robin's case notes: it all began simply enough…

Captain Atom, the team's espionage instructor, assigned us a **cold case** to solve…

HOT CASE

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In 1968, an air force officer named Nathaniel Adams was convicted of murder and died in prison…

Captain Atom had a tip Adams might have been **framed** and assigned us to dig up the long, buried truth…

But our investigation seems to have caused a chain reaction…

Already, one woman involved in the case was killed tonight…

NO!!

We don't want to make it two!

KLATTER

C'MON, SUPEY! GET IT TOGETHER!

WHAT? OH, RIGHT...

LET'S TAKE HIM!

HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?!

RRRIIIPPP

GET THIS *OFF ME!*

THIS IS *EMBARRASSING...*

...PRACTICALLY A *COMEDY.*

IT *WOULD* BE...

IF TRANG'S *CORPSE* DIDN'T SCREAM *"TRAGEDY."*

METROPOLIS
AUGUST 14, 01:45 EDT

BIBBO'S

KIDS TODAY...

...THEY STAY OUT 'TIL ALL HOURS - AND FOR *WHAT?*

Daily

SO THEY CAN *IGNORE* EACH OTHER! IN *MY* DINER!

HAS EVERYONE DOWNLOADED THE *ANNOTATED PHOTO* WE FOUND IN THE *DEAD WOMAN'S* HAND?

YES, ROBIN.

YEAH.

YES.

CHECK.

SUPERBOY?

WHAT? YEAH. PHOTO. DOWN-LOADED.

IS IT YOUR WOUND? DOES IT STILL HURT?

IT'S A SCRATCH. I'M FINE. MOVE ON.

FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE HAS IDENTIFIED ALMOST EVERYONE IN THE PHOTO...

LT. KEVIN BLANKLY, USAF
1968: PROSECUTED ADAMS FOR MURDER
STATUS: DIED OF CANCER IN 1990.

LT. HENRY YARROW, USAF
1968: ADAMS FRIEND AND DEFENSE COUNSEL.
STATUS: RETIRED.
LIVING IN LAS VEGAS.

ALEC ROIS, CIA
1968: STATIONED IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.
STATUS: RETIRED. WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

GENERAL CLEMENT LEMAR, USAF
1968: ACCUSED BY ADAMS OF RUNNING ARMS SMUGGLING RING.
ADAMS CONVICTED (FRAMED?) FOR HIS MURDER.
STATUS: STILL DEAD.

GENERAL DUK TRANG, NVA
1968: NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICER AND SUSPECTED WEAPONS SMUGGLER.
STATUS: MURDERED HOURS AGO.

MAJOR SHIRLEY MASON, USAF
1968: MEDICAL EXAMINER.
DEBUNKED ADAMS' CLAIM THAT HE HAD BEEN DRUGGED AND FRAMED FOR LEMAR'S MURDER.
STATUS: MURDERED HOURS AGO.

SGT. ENOS POLK, USAF
1968: MILITARY POLICEMAN. ARRESTED ADAMS FOR MURDER.
STATUS: RETIRED.
LIVING IN METROPOLIS.

UNKNOWN CHILD
1968: JUST A KID.
STATUS: UNKNOWN ADULT?

...WHICH WE THINK WAS TAKEN IN 1968, THE YEAR ADAMS WAS CHARGED WITH MURDER.

THE ONLY PLAYERS *NOT* IN THE PHOTO ARE *NATHANIEL ADAMS* HIMSELF...

AND GENERAL *WADE EILING*, WHO WAS THE JUDGE AT ADAMS' *COURT MARTIAL*.

EILING SENTENCED ADAMS TO LIFE IN PRISON, WHERE HE *DIED*...

...AFTER WHICH, EILING MARRIED ADAMS' WIFE AND RAISED HIS TWO CHILDREN, *RANDALL* AND *PEGGY*.

NATHANIEL ADAMS, CAPTAIN, USAF

WADE EILING, GENERAL, USAF

PEGGY EILING

RANDALL EILING, CAPTAIN, USAF

THIS BOY... COULD HE BE THE ASSASSIN? THE ONE TRANG CALLED *"RAKO"*?

TRANG SAID HE HAD PROTECTED HIM SINCE RAKO WAS A CHILD.

BUT RAKO SAID HE WAS LOYAL TO SOMEONE *OTHER* THAN TRANG.

IT'S A GOOD BET THAT *"SOMEONE"* WAS OUR MISSING C.I.A. SPOOK *ALEC ROIS*.

HIS DOSSIER LISTED NUMEROUS NASTY SPECIALTIES, INCLUDING *BRAINWASHING*...

THIS PHOTOGRAPH IS LOOKING MORE AND MORE LIKE A *HIT LIST*!

SOMEHOW ROIS AND RAKO FOUND OUT WE WERE INVESTIGATING THE ADAMS CASE...

AND DECIDED TO TIE UP THE LOOSE ENDS!

THAT MEANS EITHER *SGT. POLK* OR ADAMS' OLD BUDDY *HENRY YARROW* ARE THE NEXT TO DIE!

SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, BOSS-MAN?

OUR NEXT MOVE?

WE SPLIT THE TEAM. HALF OF US INVESTIGATE *POLK*, HERE IN METROPOLIS...

AND IF SO... IT'S KINDA *OUR FAULT!*

"...WHILE THE OTHER HALF HEADS TO LAS VEGAS TO PROTECT YARROW."

LAS VEGAS
AUGUST 14, 00:18 PDT

NOT TOO FANCY. LOOKS LIKE YARROW WASN'T *ON THE TAKE* LIKE THE OTHERS.

KNEW I LIKED THE GUY. WE SHOULD GET IN THERE. *WARN* HIM HE'S IN DANGER...

YARROW WAS INSIDE!

FAST WORK, K.F.!!

NOT FAST ENOUGH...

YEAH. RECOGNIZE HIS *TATTOO.*

YARROW'S *DEAD.*

YOU SURE IT'S YARROW?

I DON'T GET IT. RAKO'S M.O. WAS *SWORDS* AND *SHURIKEN.*

BUT ROIS' M.O. INCLUDED *DEMOLITIONS.*

CONFIRMS THEY'RE WORKING TOGETHER TO *HIT* THE *HIT LIST.*

AND IF KALDUR AND THE GIRLS DIDN'T HAVE BETTER LUCK WITH *POLK* - THEN HE'S DEAD TOO.

ALONG WITH ANY CHANCE WE HAD OF BREAKING THIS CASE...

ST. GEORGE
AUGUST 14, 03:26 MDT

CAN WE JUST GET THIS OVER WITH?

WE CAN INDEED.

YOU'RE *RAKO* - GENERAL TRANG'S PROTEGE - ALL GROWN UP TO BECOME HIS *MURDERER*...

WHICH MEANS *YOU* MUST BE THE C.I.A. SPOOK - ALEC ROIS.

ALEC ROIS IS DEAD.

SO YOU'RE HIS *GHOST*. WHATEVER.

THAT JUST LEAVES THE BIG BOSS...

HENRY YARROW.

YOU DON'T SEEM SURPRISED. DID YOU ALSO GUESS YOU WERE WALKING INTO A *TRAP*?

WE *DID* ACTUALLY.

NOT MUCH OF ONE, THOUGH... SINCE WE *OUTNUMBER* YOU SIX TO THREE.

AFTER FORTY YEARS IN THE ARMS GAME, KID, LET ME OFFER YOU A LITTLE TIP...

...*QUALITY* TRUMPS QUANTITY...

...UNLESS YOU'RE TALKING *EXPLOSIVES*.

MY FRIEND IS HOLDING A *DEAD MAN'S SWITCH*.

IF ANYTHING MAKES HIM UNHAPPY - OR CAUSES HIM TO LET GO - THIS WHOLE HANGAR GOES *BOOM*.

YOU KEEP THAT IN MIND, SON.

I *SEE* THAT '*S*'. CAN *GUESS* WHAT IT MEANS.

BUT YOUR LITTLE PALS AREN'T *INVULNERABLE*, EVEN IF YOU ARE--

HIM?! INVULNERABLE?!

MY *SWORD* PROVED OTHERWISE!

PROVED NOTHING, RAKO. YOUR SWORD WAS FORGED BY OUR STOLEN GOVERNMENT *X-IONIZER.*

YOUR SWORD COULD CUT THE *REAL* SUPERMAN.

PERHAPS WE MIGHT RETURN TO THE MATTER AT HAND...

APOLOGIES. OLD MEN ARE SO EASILY DISTRAC--

WAIT A MINUTE...

WHERE'S THE FLIPPIN' *BOY WONDER*?!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

FLIPPING YOUR WAY NOW!

ROIS! *BLOW* THIS POPSICLE STAND!

I'M TRYING!!

SOMETHING'S HOLDING MY THUMB DOWN!

NO!

YES!

YOU YOUNG FOOL! NO SWORD STANDS UP TO MINE!

THEN I SHOULD NOT USE SWORDS.

=MMMPPHHHH=

SHOULD HAVE LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE, KID.

HUH. GUESS THE KID... WAS... INVULNERABLE...

HENRY YARROW, WE MUST KNOW THE TRUTH.

MOUNT JUSTICE
AUGUST 14, 11:57 EDT

"IT BEGINS AND ENDS WITH NATHANIEL ADAMS..."

ADAMS UNCOVERED EVIDENCE OF A *WEAPONS SMUGGLING RING*...

HE BROUGHT INTEL OF A *WEAPONS DROP* TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER - *GENERAL LEMAR*.

UNFORTUNATELY, LEMAR WAS *PART* OF THE RING AND SAW ADAMS' INTEL AS AN *OPPORTUNITY*.

LEMAR COULD GET RID OF ADAMS *AND* THE HEAD OF THE RING - *HENRY YARROW*.

YARROW WAS ONLY A *LIEUTENANT*, AND THE GENERAL *RESENTED* TAKING ORDERS FROM HIM...

SO LEMAR TIPPED OFF THEIR NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTACT - *GENERAL TRANG*.

YARROW WAS TOLD TRANG HAD SIMPLY BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO SHOW AT THE DROP...

BUT LEMAR SECRETLY ORDERED TRANG TO *AMBUSH* THE SQUAD INSTEAD...

ALL WERE *MEANT TO DIE*, INCLUDING YARROW.

BUT ADAMS *SPOILED* LEMAR'S PLAN BY HEROICALLY SAVING HIMSELF AND LT. YARROW.

NOW YARROW HAD *TWO PROBLEMS*...

HIS INCORRUPTIBLE BUDDY NATE, WHO KNEW LEMAR WAS PART OF THE RING...

...AND LEMAR HIMSELF, WHO HAD TRIED TO HAVE YARROW KILLED.

"SO YARROW PITTED ONE PROBLEM AGAINST THE OTHER..."

"IT WASN'T HARD TO GET ADAMS RILED UP AGAINST LEMAR - WASN'T HARD TO DRUG ADAMS' DRINK, EITHER..."

"YARROW SENT ADAMS TO CONFRONT LEMAR..."

"THE DRUG TOOK CARE OF NATE..."

"...AND YARROW'S MAN *POLK* TOOK CARE OF LEMAR, USING NATE'S KNIFE TO FRAME HIM."

THE *TRIAL* THAT FOLLOWED WAS A *JOKE*...

NEARLY *EVERYONE* INVOLVED - YARROW, MASON, BLANKLY AND POLK - WAS A MEMBER OF THE RING.

WHAT ABOUT *EILING*, THE JUDGE AT THE TRIAL?

EILING WASN'T IN THE PHOTO OF RING CONSPIRATORS.

FAR AS WE KNOW, HE TRULY *BELIEVED* IN ADAMS' GUILT.

YARROW'S PSYCHIC "*DEATH-BED" CONFESSION* DIDN'T CONFIRM THAT?

I'M *NEW* AT READING A *NON-TELEPATHIC* MIND. AND YARROW *DIED* SECONDS AFTER WE LINKED...

YEAH, FOR THE *SECOND* TIME.

COURSE, THE FIRST DEAD YARROW WAS ACTUALLY *POLK*, WHO HAD THE *SAME TATTOO*.

WHEN WE SEARCHED POLK'S HOME, WE WERE MEANT TO THINK HE HAD *PACKED A BAG* AND *FLED*...

...BUT THE *HEIGHT* OF THE BODY AT YARROW'S RESIDENCE MATCHED POLK, NOT YARROW.

AND WHEN WE FOUND *INTEL* AMONG THE DEBRIS TIPPING US TO THE AIRFIELD IN ST. GEORGE...

...WE *KNEW* IT WAS ALL TOO EASY. WE KNEW WE WERE BEING *SET UP*.

TEAM, I'M *IMPRESSED*. YOU DID GOOD WORK.

YEAH, WORK THAT COMES TOO LATE TO HELP NATHANIEL ADAMS...

BUT NOT TOO LATE FOR HIS *KIDS*.

GO TELL THEM WHAT KIND OF MAN THEIR FATHER *REALLY* WAS.

HONOLULU
AUGUST 14, 09:16 HST

SEEMS I *MISJUDGED* YOU...

...GUESS I REALLY *WANTED* TO BELIEVE YOU WERE *GUILTY*...

...CAPTAIN *ADAMS*.

YEAH, WELL, I REALLY WANTED TO BELIEVE YOU WERE *DIRTY*, EILING.

GUESS THAT MAKES US EVEN. OR JUST ABOUT.

NOW THAT YOUR NAME'S BEEN CLEARED...

...LET ME *REINTRODUCE* YOU TO YOUR KIDS.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
AUGUST 15, 00:00 EDT

TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.

ESCAPING FROM A JAIL IN ST. GEORGE, UTAH SHOULDN'T BE THAT HARD, *ALEC.*

ESCAPE WAS EASY. BUT YOU TRY HIDING A SEVEN-FOOT CAMBODIAN SOMETIME.

HOW'D IT GO ON YOUR END?

YARROW TOOK THE FALL FOR EVERYTHING...

...THE SMUGGLING RING IN '68 AND THE KILLINGS THIS WEEK.

THAT YOU WEREN'T IN THE PICTURE, BECAUSE YOU *TOOK* THE PICTURE?

NO ONE SUSPECTS *YOU* WERE YARROW'S *BOSS* THE WHOLE TIME?

YOU KIDDING? CAPTAIN ATOM IS MY NEW *BEST FRIEND.*

WHICH SHOULD SERVE US WELL IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

WICKED, WADE. VERY WICKED INDEED.

TO BE CONTINUED...